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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Naoto SANO, et al.

Application No.: 09/163,402

Filed: September 30, 1998

For: GAS LASER DEVICE AND
EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING
THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application
as follows.